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EXDIS/KOOLAIID
DEPARTMENT FOR TARNOFF ONLY

LISBON FOR LAKE ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:OGEN
SUBJECT: MAPUTO CONFERENCE

1. COMING OUT OF LISBON THIS MORNING ANDY, MAYNES, STONEY PETERSON, PETRIE, AND I SPENT AN HOUR OR SO PLANNING HOW WE WOULD OPERATE IN MAPUTO. IT WAS A GOOD SESSION AND SHOULD HELP US BOTH ORGANIZATIONALLY. IT IS AGGREGED AND ACCEPTED THAT I WILL CLEAR ALL MESSAGES, AND THAT WE WILL PRE-PLAN OUR CONTACTS AND PRESS ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, WE WILL TRY TO REPORT REGULARLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED POSTS (IN NORMAL CHANNELS) AS FOLLOWS: (1) OUR FORWARD SCHEDULE, (2) OUR DAYS ACTIVITIES (3) CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND (4) INDIVIDUAL SPOT ITEMS, E.G. SPECIFIC CONTACTS.

2. I SUGGESTED AND ANDY READILY AGREED THAT HE SEND A MESSAGE TO THE SECREATARY FROM LIBREVILLE OUTLINING HIS APPROACH TO THE CONFERENCE. A DRAFT IS BEING PREPARED NOW. I BELIEVE THE EXERCISE SHOULD PROVIDE SOME REASSURANCE TO THE RECEPIENT AS WELLAS HELPING THE AUTHORS TO SORT OUT THEMES,
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PRIORITIES, ETC.

3. AMONG OUR EARLY ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS INCLUDING SOME SPEICAL ATTENTION TO THE BRITISH WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY'S PARTY.

4. THEY PLAN TO WORK ON THE MAPUTO SPEECH

IT IS SAID TO BE ALRIGHT BUT NOT PARTICULARLY BRILLIANT.
ANDY WILL LAYOUT SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS AND THE OTHERS WILL
WEAVE THIS INTO SOMETHING WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO YOU IN
NORMAL CHANNELS.

5. THUS FAR NO CONVERSATION ON BOARD WITH THE
PRESS. I WILL SEND WORD FROM LIBREVILLE IF ANY
THING OCCURS THERE.

6. A FINAL WORD ON THE AIRPLANE. ISSUE. I AM NOT ARGUING THE
POINT, BUT I PREDICT BAD TROUBLE
WITH OUR PRESS WITHOUT ANY INSTIGATION FROM ANDY'S STAFF WHEN THEY
LEARN THE BIG PLANE CANT GO TO SOUTH AFRICA. IF OUR GUYS
CANT GET IN, THEIR ORGANIZATIONS WILL COVER ANDY IN OTHER WAYS
AND OUR GUYS WILL HAVE NOTHING TO WRITE ABOUT BUT
THE SYMBOLIC ISSUE OF THE PLANE. IF THEY ARE DENIED COVERAGE OF THE
MAIN REASON FOR THE TRIP THEY WILL RAISE HELL.
I REPEAT,I'M NOT ARGUING;I'M WARNING.

7. WOULD IT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING
BROTHER SPIEGEL INTO THE KOOLAID
LOOP? IF YOU AGREE, PETER, YOU COULD TAKE OFF THIS PARAGARPH
AND PUT A WORD OF EXPLANATION ON THE FRONT END. STEIGMAN

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